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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS

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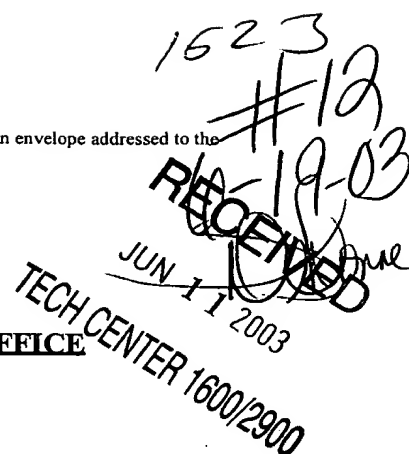
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2003 subjecting Claims 1-25 to restriction in the above-identified patent application.

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C 121 between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-11, drawn to methods of synthesizing ,
Polynucleotides, classified in class 536, subclass 2.3.

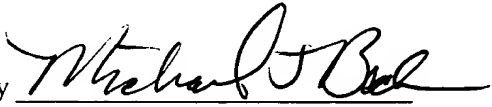
Group II: Claims 12-25, drawn to a methods of fabricating addressable
arrays of Polynucleotides on a substrate bound moieties and
methods for making Oligonucleotides arrays, classified in
class 435, subclass 6.



Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I set of claims (1-11) without traverse.

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